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## **STILLWATER ROAD PROJECT UPDATE MEETING**

**REDDING** - The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will hold a public open house to update the community on plans for an interchange at Stillwater Road and State Route 44 in Shasta County. The open house will be held on Thursday, February 23, 2006 between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. at Bishop Quinn High School, 21893 Old 44 Drive in Palo Cedro.

Through recent Federal Transportation Bill funding, Caltrans was able to advance a portion of the Stillwater Interchange Project. This entails design of an interchange, requiring less area, but still improving safety and operations and maintaining the connection between local and regional transportation systems. As funding becomes available through state and local resources, plans will move forward to widen SR 44 to four lanes from Airport Road to Deschutes Road.

The project is currently in the design phase. Based on the modified project, Caltrans is amending the project report and environmental document to reflect the new plans. The amended project will not result in substantial new or additional environmental effects and therefore a supplemental environmental evaluation will not be required.

Based on the current schedule, construction of the advanced portion of the project will begin in spring 2008, with completion two years from start of construction.

For information about this project, you may contact the Project Manager, Phil Baker at (530) 225-3180 or the Public Information Office at (530) 225-3260.

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